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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

EP 0 668 336, which is cited and discussed in the specification, beginning at page 1, third paragraph;

EP 0 716 136, which is cited and discussed in the specification, beginning at page 1, third paragraph;

EP 0 716 137, which is cited and discussed in the specification, beginning at page 1, third paragraph;  $\overset{\sim}{\sim}$ 

WO 96 17027, which is cited and discussed in the specification, beginning at page 1 to third paragraph; and

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JP 2 163 183, which is cited and discussed in the specification, beginning at page 2, first paragraph.

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided herewith. The Examiner is requested to consider the aforementioned documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first Office Action on the merits.

Further Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the International Search Report (ISR) and International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) issued in family member PCT/FR00/02424, and the following documents cited therein:

U.S. Patent No. 5,631,073 (and family members U.S. Patents Nos. 5,496,603 and 5,679,190 cited in the ISR Annex);

DE 298 19 014 (and an English language Abstract of family member EP 0 942 057);

DE 195 23 494; and

EP 0 668 336.

Copies of the ISR, IPER, and English language translations thereof, were filed in this application on March 1,2002. Copies of the documents cited therein are submitted herewith.

The Examiner is referred to the English language translations of the ISR and IPER for the relevance accorded by the international authority to the documents with respect to the claims in the international application.

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Office Action on the merits.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the Merits has not issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the Merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions regarding the above or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

> Respectfully submitted, A. GOUX et al.

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